Council on Developmental Disabilities	
Full Council Meeting	
February 2, 2006, 8:30 a.m. $-5:00$ p.m.	
February 3, 2006, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	
Location: Owyhee Plaza Hotel	
Boise, Idaho	
Call to Order	Theresa Wilding called the meeting to order at 8:38
	a.m. on February 2, 2006.
Roll Call	Council members present: Theresa Wilding, Debbie
	DePaola, James Steed, David Rogers, Kristyn
	Herbert, Rick Betzer, Mary Johnson, Mary Bostick,
	Mike Smith, Donna Denney, Bob Jackson, Liz
	Ricciardi.
	Members absent: Roger Shanahan, Kim Kane,
	Dona Butler, Tanya Brindle, Paige Fincher, Julie
	Fodor, Tygh Hales, Jim Baugh.
	Staff members present: Marilyn Sword, Tracy
	Warren, Ron Enright, Pam Stanley and Judy
	Wauer.
	<u>Visitors/Facilitators</u> : Kelly Buckland
Welcome,	Theresa welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Announcements,	
Review Agenda	
Approval of	Theresa stated that the minutes state that she
November 3-4, 2005	called the November meeting to order. They should
Minutes	state that Rick Betzer called the meeting to order.
	Bob Jackson moved to approve the minutes as
	corrected. Kristyn Herbert seconded the motion.
	The motion being unanimous in favor, the motion carried.
	vallieu.

Public Policy Report and Overview of Legislative Materials Medicaid Reform - Marilyn distributed copies of draft #9 of the Medicaid Reform bill. David Rogers stated that this is not the most current copy, they are probably at draft #15 or #16 now. He gave a brief overview of the reform plan. The most significant change is separating the program into three distinct programs – Low Income Children and Adults; Individuals with Disabilities; and Elders (which is specifically designed for people who are dually eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare). They are looking at populations based on health needs. The current system basically asks how poor you are, not what is your health status. The Department needs to spend the right money on the right things. Governor Kempthorne presented Idaho's plan to the national Medicaid Commission last week. Idaho's reform effort is looking at selective contracting for durable medical equipment. Items with a service component would be handled differently. More consumable items would be considered for bulk purchases. Council members discussed at length concerns about consumable products, especially pullups and diapers for older children and adults, and the considerable differences in product quality. David asked for feedback from people on what products are good and what are bad. The Department will be outsourcing dental administration. They don't expect a real cost savings, but do hope to increase access to services. This legislation is being called the framework legislation. There will also be legislation geared toward low income family and children, including personal health accounts. People will earn credits for wellness and prevention programs. There will be co-payments for certain things, i.e. missed appointments, inappropriate use of emergency rooms and transportation, nonpreferred drugs. Tracy Warren asked about selfdirection and how it will fit in this proposal. David stated that the framework legislation lists who is eligible and what services are covered. The legislation will include community supports, basically a self direction model that is an option.

In terms of federal partners, Idaho has submitted a

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Break and Travel	The meeting recessed at 10:19 am for legislative
to the Capitol	appointments.
Council Meeting	The Council reconvened at 1:38 p.m.
Reconvenes	Council members present: Theresa Wilding, Debbie DePaola, James Steed, David Rogers, Kristyn Herbert, Rick Betzer, Mary Johnson, Mary Bostick, Mike Smith, Donna Denney, Bob Jackson, Liz Ricciardi, Tanya Brindle, Kim Kane, Dona Butler, and Paige Fincher. Members absent: Roger Shanahan, Julie Fodor, Tygh Hales, and Jim Baugh. Staff members present: Marilyn Sword, Tracy Warren, Ron Enright, Christine Pisani, Pam
Public Policy	Stanley and Judy Wauer. Sign Language Interpreter Bill – The Council for
Report and	the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CDHH) is
Recommendations	sponsoring legislation to set standards for sign
	language interpreters in schools. The CDHH will provide training at no cost and there will be training available at little or no cost in rural areas. The Public Policy Committee recommends that the Council support this bill. Bob Jackson asked for unanimous consent. The recommendation was approved by unanimous consent.
	Idaho Teen Early Intervention Program – Tracy Warren explained that through a partnership between the Department of Health & Welfare (DHW) and school districts, this program would place clinically trained counselors in the secondary schools to help at-risk youth. This is similar to the very successful Community Resource Worker Program that was in place a few years ago and was funded with TANF funds. The fiscal impact is estimated at \$2 million for 25 counselors but these funds were not included in the DHW budget. Mary Bostick explained that funds would probably come out of the Children's Mental Health fund which could result in a reduction in services. The Public

Policy Committee recommends that the Council support the bill regarding the Idaho Teen Early Intervention Program that addresses mental health and substance abuse issues in Idaho secondary schools. Rick Betzer moved that the Council support this bill as long as funds are used that don't detract from other programs. James Steed seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion carried.

<u>Electronic Format for Textbooks</u> – SB 1308 will require publishers of a textbook or other printed instructional material that is adopted for use in an

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Idaho postsecondary institution to furnish an electronic version for use by a student who is blind, visually impaired or has a diagnosed reading disability for a price which does not exceed the price for the equivalent print version.

Mary Bostick stated that this is only for post-secondary. There is a new requirement under IDEA that requires states to have an agreement in place or in state rules for alternative formats. They will have to develop rules for public schools.

The Public Policy Committee recommends that the Council support SB 1308 regarding electronic format for textbooks. The recommendation was approved by unanimous consent.

Psychologists on Evaluation Committees for Guardianship and Commitment for People with Developmental Disabilities - The Department of Health & Welfare (DHW) is proposing a change to Idaho Code 66-404 listed as RS15406. Currently, when a court is petitioned to determine the guardianship or commitment of an individual with a developmental disability the court directs a committee to evaluate the need. This committee determines mental cognitive competence and reports to the court. A clinical psychologist at the

	PhD level is a member of the evaluation team.
	DHW is proposing to remove the phrase after social
	worker, "with field training or experience in
	working with partially disabled or disabled
	persons." And, after the requirement for a clinical
	psychologist add, "or such other master level
	health professional as designated by the
	department. Each committee member must be
	specially qualified by training and experience in the
	diagnosis and treatment of persons with a
	developmental disability."
Public Policy	Paige Fincher stated that there is concern that the
Report and	department cannot find PhD level psychologists in
Recommendations	some areas of the state.
(Continued)	The Public Policy Committee recommends

that the Council oppose RS15406. The recommendation was approved by unanimous consent.

<u>Senate Bill 1241 – Pre-Kindergarten</u> - Currently the minimum school age for children with disabilities is 3 and for children without disabilities it is 5. This bill does not require pre-kindergarten but provides language that allows school districts to do so for children without disabilities as young as 4 years old.

The Public Policy Committee recommends that the Council support SB 1241. The recommendation was approved by unanimous consent.

"Golf Cart" Legislation - This legislation would exempt people with disabilities who use golf carts, self-propelled wheelchairs, three-wheeled bicycles, lawn mowers and scooters from the requirements of having driver's licenses and vehicle registration.

The Public Policy Committee recommends that the Council support the proposed "Golf Cart" legislation. The recommendation was approved by unanimous consent.

<u>24-Hour Mental Hold for People with Mental</u> Illness -

Currently under Idaho Code 66-301 if an individual is in the hospital and appears to be in a severe state of mental illness, a hospital does not have authority to initiate a 24-hour mental hold. This determination has to be made by a law enforcement officer. Hospitals want authority to do this and they want immunity against being sued. Jim Baugh is recommending to the Co-Ad Board that they not take a position on this legislation.

The Public Policy Committee recommends that the Council not take a position on this legislation. The recommendation was tabled until Friday in order to get more information from Jim Baugh.

Bob Jackson reported that James Steed was elected as chair of the Public Policy Committee. He thanked James for being willing to serve.

Reports

Chair's Report

Chair's Report – Theresa reported that she is learning a lot at her new job, especially transition issues. She is also seeing what parents are experiencing with education issues for their teenage children. She is working on her certification for special education. She has to visit a sheltered workshop and a group home. Theresa told her professor about the Self-Advocate Leadership Network (SALN). She has also requested a self determination discussion in one of her classes. Theresa has been busy working on Project Vote and the train the trainer program in March. Christine has taken the lead on this. Theresa did not attend the last Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) Board meeting. Their next meeting is in March. The national conference is at the end of May.

Director's Report

<u>Director's Report</u> – Marilyn reported that staff has been busy with legislative issues. Ron has finalized the annual report and it has been submitted. Staff will develop strategies for the plan after tomorrow's planning meeting. She attended the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) board meeting in Atlanta. The next board meeting will be in Boise at the end of March. Marilyn is the chair of the Interagency Workgroup on Public Transportation. She provided the names of people from the Council who may want to participate in their forum in April. The

Reports

• Director's Report (Continued)

Consortium for Idahoans with Disabilities (CID) now has a website. The Council has received their final appropriation. Staff has been working on a new website and logo. They will preview the new website and proposed logo for the Council later in the meeting. Marilyn reported that she was able to give all staff a raise effective the first pay period in February.

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Consumer Leadership Report - Kristyn reported

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that the committee met on Wednesday. The Council packet was reviewed. The SABE application form was reviewed, a few changes were made and it was approved. Critieria were developed for the Executive Committee to use in the selection process. The deadline for application submission is March 10th. Postcards will be sent to self-advocates statewide. They discussed the Project Vote training. Marilyn reviewed parliamentary procedures. The Council purchased licenses for the TextAloud software and it was sent to all self-advocates at the meeting.

Membership Committee Report Membership Committee Report – Rick reported that the Membership Committee held a conference call to review applications. They reached a consensus but some members were not present. The committee will be meeting during lunch tomorrow to finalize the recommendations to the Governor. Marilyn stated that Julie Fodor, Dona Butler, Rick Betzer, Tygh Hales, Mike Smith, Tanya Brindle and David Rogers terms expire this year. If you are interested in reapplying, applications are due by April 1.

Executive Committee Report Executive Committee Report – Theresa reported that the last conference call was held on January 23. No meeting was held in conjunction with this Council meeting. Pam will present a financial

Consent Agenda

Executive Committee Report (Continued) report. The annual PPR has been submitted. The Council is working on the new website, a designer has been contracted with. The committee discussed Project Vote, received a legislative update, and reviewed a conference report that was received. The committee approved \$1,500 for the Autism Society conference and \$2,500 for Idaho Parents Unlimited. One conference funding request was received but it was for the Autism Conference so

	has been referred back to the Autism Society. The committee also discussed staff bonuses, and the need to upgrade computer equipment. The current equipment is about 6 years old and they are having some problems.
	Pam Stanley presented the financial report. Bob Jackson moved to approve the budget and financial report as presented. James Steed seconded the motion. The vote being unanimous in favor, the motion carried.
	The Committee reports were all approved by
	unanimous consent.
Update on Policy	Kim Kane presented an update on the policy
Governance	governance status. She has been reviewing by-
	laws, policies and procedures. The transition team
	was to put together a plan to present to the full
	Council. It has been suggested that the new
	structure of the meetings coincide with new
	members beginning in July. The Consumer
	Leadership committee will continue in the
	reorganized By-Laws and Kim will continue
	working on them.
Presentation on	Kim Kane made a presentation to the Council on
Abuse and	abuse and violence toward people with disabilities.
Violence – Kim	
Kane	

Introduction of	Marilyn presented the new logo that Tracy Warren
New Council Logo	designed. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was
and Webpage	issued for a web designer. A preview of the new
	website was shown to Council members. The logo
	was approved by unanimous consent.
Open Forum	Julie Fodor stated that she would like to discuss
	the childcare licensing legislation. She has some
	additional information since the Public Policy
	Committee met. If there is time, she would like it

	discussed on Friday.
Council Dinner Team Building	Council members participated in a team building exercise conducted by James Steed and Kristyn Herbert.
Recess	The Council recessed at 8:00 p.m.
Reconvene and call to order.	The Council meeting reconvened at 8:35 a.m. on Friday, February 3, 2006.
Roll Call	Council members present: Julie Fodor, Dona Butler, James Steed, Liz Ricciardi, Mary Johnson, Tanya Brindle, Roger Shanahan, Bob Jackson, Mike Smith, Kim Kane, Debbie DePaola, Theresa Wilding, Mary Bostick, Rick Betzer, Paige Fincher, Tygh Hales, and Donna Denney.
	Members absent: Kristyn Herbert, David Rogers, and Jim Baugh
	Staff members present: Marilyn Sword, Tracy Warren, Ron Enright, Christine Pisani, Pam Stanley and Judy Wauer. Visitors/Facilitators:
Presentation of	Ron Enright reviewed the results from the survey
Survey Results,	taken to help develop the five year plan. He shared
Outcomes and	that sending surveys in newsletters was not very
Performance	successful. The most responses were received
Targets for Five- Year Plan	through the on-line survey.

3 Small Groups -	Council members broke into 3 work groups to
Identify Outcomes	identify goals and outcomes. Community Supports,
	Recreation, Transportation and Housing were in
	one group. Education and Health were the second
	group. Self-Determination, Self-Advocacy and
	Employment were the third group. After 45
	minutes, Council members rotated to the next
	group.
Next	The next Council meeting will be held April 27 –

Meeting/Future Agenda Items	28, 2006, at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel.
Adjournment	There being no further business, the meeting was
	adjourned at 3:00 p.m.